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12 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
13 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

14 Leonard W. Hill,
15 Petitioner,
16 v.
17 Brian Williams, *et al.*,
18 Respondents.

Case No. 2:17-cv-00155-APG-VCF

**Unopposed motion for extension of
time to file a reply to answer**

(First request)

ORDER

1 Petitioner Leonard Hill moves this Court for the entry of an order extending
2 the time within which he must file a reply to answer by 47 days from January 2, 2020
3 to and including February 18, 2020. The state, by Deputy Attorney General Erin L.
4 Bittick, does not object to this request.

5 Hill, through counsel, filed an amended petition on April 27, 2018.¹ The state
6 filed a motion to dismiss,² which Hill opposed.³ This Court issued an order on the
7 state's motion to dismiss on July 25, 2019.⁴ The state filed an answer to Hill's
8 remaining claims on December 2, 2019.⁵ Hill now moves this Court for an extension
9 of time to file a reply to the state's answer. This is Hill's first request for an extension
10 of time. This motion is not filed for the purposes of delay but in the interests of justice
11 as well as in the interests of Hill.

12 Because of counsel's schedule, she has not been able to meet the deadline of
13 January 2, 2020, for filing the reply to the state's answer. Counsel's schedule has
14 included the following: an oral argument to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in
15 *Vontobel v. Benedetti*, case no. 18-15892 on December 2, 2019; a petition for writ of
16 certiorari, *Vincent v. Williams*, case no. 17-16992, on December 9, 2019. On
17 December 13, 2019, an evidentiary hearing was ordered in the case of *McClain v.*
18 *LeGrand*, case no: 3:14-cv-00269-MMD-CBC; the date of the hearing was set for
19 February 19, 2019. Counsel immediately began preparing for this hearing. Counsel
20 has also been drafting a genetic marker petition in the case of *Rivera v. Williams*,
21 case no. 2:19-cv-00288-APG-BNW, which will be filed January 3, 2020, in the
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24 ¹ ECF No. 21.

25 ² ECF No. 32.

26 ³ ECF No. 38.

27 ⁴ ECF No. 44.

⁵ ECF No. 50.

1 Eighth Judicial District Court. Counsel also has met with two new clients in the
2 past week.

3 Counsel was also out of the office from December 24-January 1, 2020.

4 For these reasons, counsel respectfully asks this Court to grant Hill's request
5 to extend the time for filing reply to answer by 47 days until February 18, 2020.

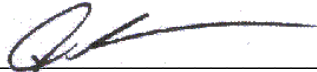
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7 Dated January 2, 2020.

8 Respectfully submitted,

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12 /s/ Kimberly Sandberg
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16 IT IS SO ORDERED:

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20 United States District Judge

21 Dated: 01/09/2020
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